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<b>Application Number</b>	08/801,812
<b>Filing Date</b>	February 14, 1997
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Givens
<b>Art Unit</b>	2823
<b>Examiner Name</b>	J. Maldonado
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	2269-6888US (95-1078.00/US)

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**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

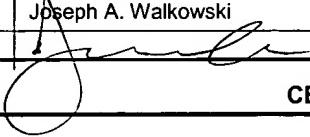
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- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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  - iii.  Other
- b.  Check in the amount of \$790 enclosed
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In re Application of:

Givens

Serial No.: 08/801,812

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For: UTILIZATION OF ENERGY  
ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE  
METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL  
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE

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The following amendments and remarks are filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Serial No. 08/801,812**

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.